

CLASSIFICATION SECRETCOUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Merseburg AirfieldEVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                     

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REMARKS                       
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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Merseburg airfield between 2 and 12 September 1954:

2 to 6 September. No flying was practiced.

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7 September. Between 1830 and midnight, individual MIG-15s or U-MIG-15s practiced flying.

8 September. No air activity was observed.

9 September. MIG-15 or U-MIG-15 No 454 took off at about 1130 and landed again at 1210. Two MIG-15s or U-MIG-15s took off at 1200 and landed at 1205. Both aircraft                      but had silvery painted noses to as far as the leading edge of the wings. Between 1805 and 0200 MIG-15s or U-MIG-15s made local flights of about 3 minutes duration. It was observed that the crew was changed in front of the southeastern hangar after four local flights. In addition to the two MIG-15s                     , MIG-15s                      were involved in air activity.

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10 September. From 1815 until about midnight, there was air activity as on the preceding day.

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11 and 12 September. No flying was practiced.<sup>1</sup>

2. A radio installation was observed northeast of Meuschau, north of the target range. The installation consisted of two masts, each 13 to 15 meters high and one of them fitted with an umbrella-shaped antenna. One temporary building housing a generator and two temporary quartering buildings occupied by 20 to 25 personnel were seen near there. Another temporary building housing a generator and fitted on its roof with a mast, 6 to 7 meters high, was located 180 to 200 meters west of the installation.<sup>2</sup>

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                     Comment. It is believed that there was no change in the occupation of Merseburg airfield by a **fighter** division headquarters and one fighter regiment. All aircraft                      observed were previously reported from Merseburg. Silvery painted noses on MIG-15s                      were observed for the first time in East Germany.

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

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2.  Comment. For detailed information on radio installations observed at the field, 

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